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Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement any special dedicated women entrepreneurship development programme to provide assistance, education and empowerment of women entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for this purpose during the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government for generating employment opportunities for women in MSME sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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(a)&(b): No. Does not arise.

(c): Ministry is implementing schemes for imparting training and to promote women entrepreneurship by setting up micro, small and medium enterprises in the rural and urban areas of the country through Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board.

KVIC conducts skill development and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), to encourage participation of women, KVIC offers free training to women under skill development programme.

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a major credit-linked subsidy scheme since 2008-09, to promote and set up micro, small and medium enterprises and to generate employment in rural and urban areas of the country. The maximum cost of the project under PMEGP scheme is Rs.25.00 lakhs for manufacturing sector units and Rs.10.00 lakhs for units under service sector. Under the scheme the women entrepreneurs are provided 25% and 35% subsidies for the project set up in urban and rural areas respectively. For women beneficiaries, own contribution is only 5% of the project cost while for general category it is 10%. All the entrepreneurs including women are eligible for 2 weeks Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) after the sanction of their projects from banks for financial assistance to setup their unit and also imparting training under EDP. The State-wise funds allocated for the year 2015-16 including women is placed at Annexure-I.

Under the Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY), Coir Board is organizing programmes like Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP), Awareness Programme, Workshop, Seminar, Exposure Tour, etc. for attracting more women entrepreneurs to set up coir industrial units.

Coir Board is conducting training programmes under 'Mahila Coir Yojana' exclusively for rural women. Under this, training in spinning of coir yarn/various coir processing activities is imparted to rural women in regions producing coir fibre in the country. The scheme envisages distribution of motorized ratts/motorized traditional ratts and other coir processing equipments at 75 % subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 7500/- which can be operated by women after completion of a two months' training programme. During the training period, the women artisans are given stipend amounting Rs. 1000/- per month. The State-wise funds allocated under MCY and EDP for the year 2015-16 including women is placed at Annexure-II.